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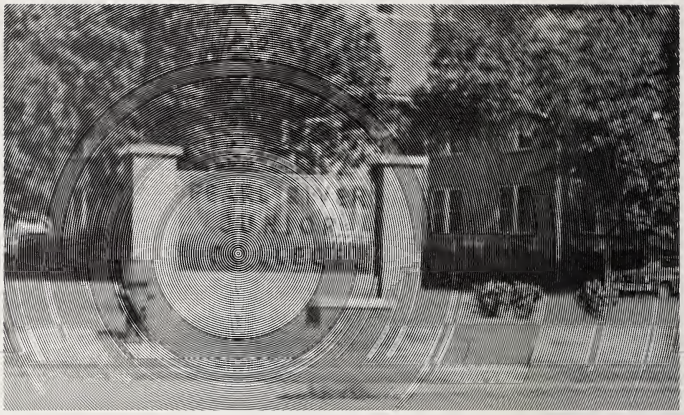
We came, eager and believing,
ready to take on anything
the world could dish out.
On our own for the first time, we
were the
epitome of independence . . .
self sufficient, not
needing anyone or anything.



But independence got lonely, and we discovered that alone we are nothing — together we materialize. People are what college is all about.

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The River overflows with the
sights and sounds of individuals.
Black and white, young and
old, rich and poor . . .
all come together experiencing,
participating, sharing.
All are similar, yet
each possesses a certain
diversity.

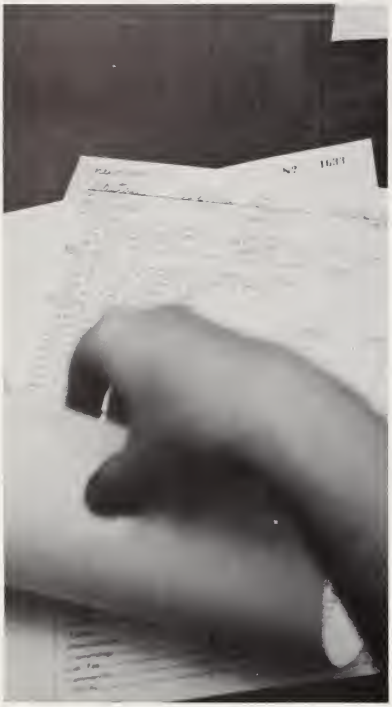
Molded by opinions, we don
masks and pretend to be something we're not. But with time and friends our masks wear thin and finally fade completely. The truth that emerges is us and must be dealt with honestly.

Always be yourself,
because if you
don't,
who will be?

We are termed
students, and are
therefore, immediately
considered stereotyped.
Even though our actions
show a oneness of purpose,

no one can categorize us,
for each one of us
has his own lifestyle,
his own aspirations
to fulfill, his own
reason for being at
Pearl River.

We come to school
To learn, to reach, to gain, to find
That which is hardest to find
    Ourselves.

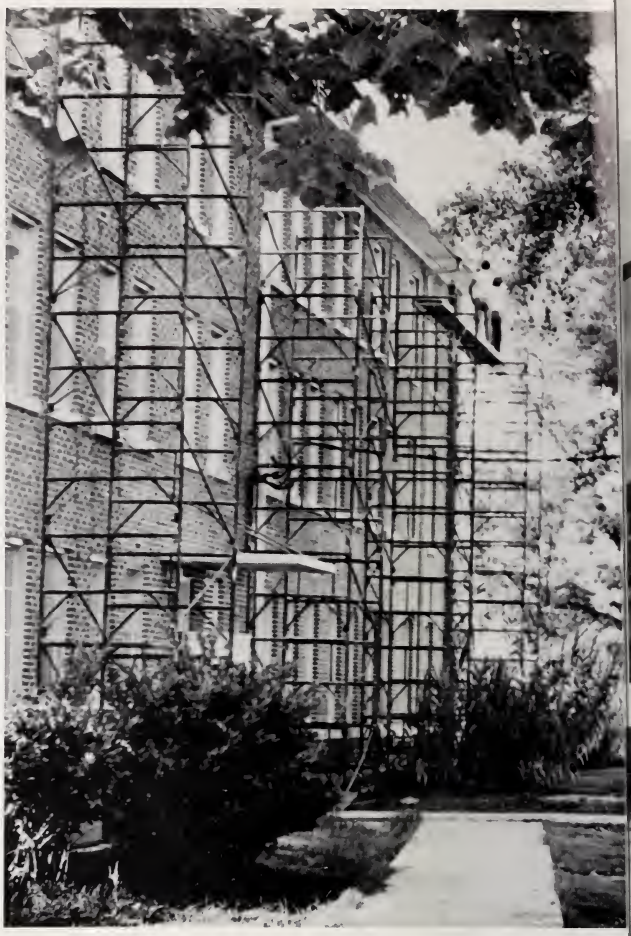


Freshmen Frustrated by Registration

Several PRC students began college in the summer, soon after the regular school year had ended. Some were 16, some were retired, but they all were faced with the experiences of registration. Freshmen found it was a series of unending frustration, while sophomores smugly endured the familiar ordeal. The day's events included fixing a schedule suitable for a genius, paying fees equal to a summer's work, and getting an ID made that resembled a circus freak. After signing their lives away for 18 weeks, students sat down in exhaustion, went to their rooms in shock, or left for home in disgust. With the parking lot being repaved, the clogged streets added to the sense of desperation. After the preliminaries were over, classes started. Another year had begun.

Moving In — A Hassle for Students

Moving in is an especially trying time for most students. Finding out you live on the third floor of Huff or being made to believe no males are permitted upstairs in Marion Hall, not even to help with several large suitcases, can be an experience in itself. Multiply this by being too late to get the bottom bunk, when you have this thing about heights, and quickly realizing that your roommate loves animals, hates sports, and has this infatuation for Doritos.



Sleep is a rare phenomena experienced by few when living in one of Pearl River's six dormitories. Talking, laughing, practical jokes, feuds, and noise in general create an atmosphere which could only be found in a dorm.

Girls living in White and Marion Halls had to go through the tedious, tiresome task of signing in and out and worrying about being in on time, while boys were virtually left on their own. Nevertheless, elaborate methods of getting around restrictions and curfews were invented by each.

Many who viewed dorm life as a sort of solitary confinement found some consolation in late night activities such as pre-Perk dances, jam sessions, Christmas parties, and various mischievous illegalities.

Student Center Provides Outlet for Students

Activities on Pearl River's campus were scattered after last year's decision to ban dances. The Student Center provided a needed outlet for resident students, offering them a variation of pool, foosball. and air hockey. Cafeteria officials broke campus monotony by sponsoring several buffet suppers, a Halloween Carnival, and a Valentine's Day special version of the Dating Game.

The two tennis courts on campus were in constant use by student tennis buffs, while extra curricular Karate classes became a novelty attraction for a number of curious PRC males.

Let's
Boogie

And the Rain Came . . .

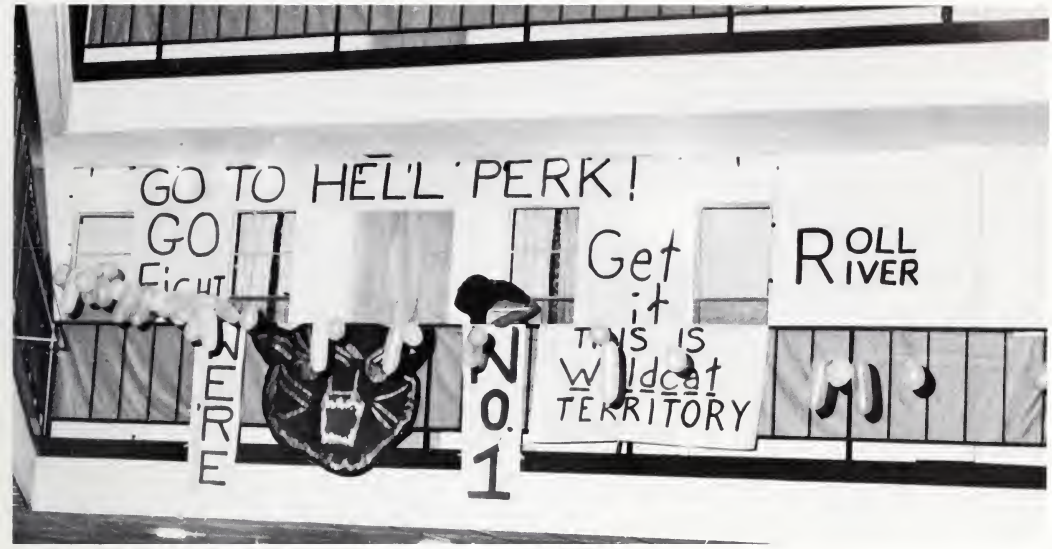
A rain soaked campus hampered those who relied on outdoor activities for entertainment the latter part of the year. In fact, rain hampered just about everything. The month of January saw two days of pleasant weather and 8.04 inches of precipitation.

Pep Rallies, Victory Highlight Perk Week

For one week during a seemingly endless 36, the rules on Pearl River's campus are virtually forgotten and all "hell" breaks loose. Night-long pep rallies and parties in dormitories, drenching water balloon fights, and parades on and off campus highlighted Perk Week 1973.

The annual event of week-long activities preceding the game against arch-rival Perkinston is as much a part of Pearl River as classes or athletics. Students take an extra interest in the classic battle as a previously dormant spirit transforms into enthusiastic support.

The administration dampened spirit somewhat this year by scheduling 4½ week test during Perk Week. But students found a way around studying and participated wholeheartedly in the affair. A 10-3 victory over the Bulldogs made the week of sleeplessness and failing tests worthwhile.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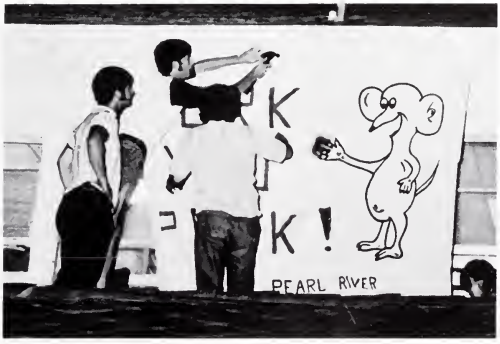
Get it
THIS IS
Wildcat
TERRITORY
ROLL
RIVER

FIRE UP
HELL PERK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Sandy Kilgore Crowned Queen in Homecoming Festivities

Pearl River celebrated its 64th annual homecoming October 20 when Queen Sandy Kilgore began her reign with a tour through the streets of Poplarville in an afternoon parade. Later that day a banquet honoring the alumni was held at which John Anderson was named the outstanding alumnus of the year.

After these festivities, the action moved to Dobie Holden Stadium where the presentation of the court and crowning of the queen was staged. Following the pre-game ceremonies was the clash between the River and Delta which ended in a 17-14 victory for the Wildcats.

Left to right — Sophomore Maids Monica Smith, Millicent Graham, Rosemary Bilbo, Queen Sandy Kilgore, Freshman Maids Kim Mitchell, Allison Wise and Terri Mullens.

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a Many local supporters such as the Poplarville High School cheerleaders exhibited floats in the annual homecoming parade.
b Dean Enoch Seal greets alumni as they register at the 1973 Pearl River Junior College Alumni Banquet.
c Fred Henley, out-going Alumni President, presents an autographed football to Miss Thelma Batson, the earliest graduate present at the alumni banquet.

SOPHOMORE MAID
Monica Smith

SOPHOMORE MAID
Rosemary Bilbo

SOPHOMORE MAID
Millicent Graham

Frank Ladner
Named Alumni
Vice-President

FRESHMAN MAID
Allison Wise

FRESHMAN MAID
Terri Mullins

FRESHMAN MAID
Kim Mitchell

Concert Climaxes First Dixie Drawl Week

Dixie Drawl Week marked the first and only student get-together of the first semester. Because campus activities had been scarce since dances were discontinued, the members of the Dixie Drawl staff were compelled to break the ritual of campus life.

The week of December 3-6 opened with three nights of moderate success. When a Drawl Staff-Cheerleader basketball clash, a Tarver Theater night featuring "The Godfather," and a campus bonfire mustered sparse attendance, the week's creators were ridden with doubt. However, a standing room only gathering of some three-hundred souls packed the Student Center to witness a concert that featured all types of student talent. Ranging from bluegrass to rock to gospel, the concert took shape and held the capacity audience captivated for almost four hours.

The Thursday night performance gave rise to hopes for future student activities and brought Dixie Drawl Week to a climatic finish.

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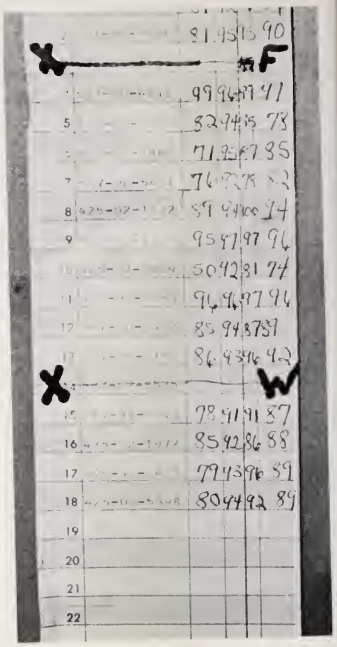
a Rhythm and blues artist, Howard Walters, performed at both the Thursday night event and the bonfire.
b A Drawl buffet in the cafeteria marked Wednesday night's activities.
c The Tarver Theater was the scene of Drawl Night on Tuesday. After a showing of "The Godfather," albums were awarded to fortunate members of the audience.
d Gordon Alford, Elizabeth Berry, and Monty Smith were three of the many performers featured at the Thursday night concert in the Student Center.
e Monday night featured a basketball game between the Drawl Staff and the Cheerleaders. With the help of some questionable officiating by Joe Wiley, shown arguing with Randy Rester and Gina Piazza, the cheerleaders managed to tie the score 44-44.

Classes — A Vital Part of Any Education



1974 Favorites Tour New Orleans

A bridge over the Mississippi, a street corner in the French Quarter, and a bench in Jackson Square were some of the picturesque scenes that greeted the 1973-74 favorites when they journeyed to historic old New Orleans.

The favorites were chosen in December and in early January they had a day in the Crescent City. Chosen by Mr. and Miss PRC were Byrle Harriel and Monica Smith. Ricky Burge, Randy Burge, Gary Arnold, Allison Wise, Cathy Starita, and Pam Lumpkin were picked as freshman favorites. Sophomore favorites were Mark Fite, Jim Feeley, Dennis O'Rear, Jan Moody, Millicant Graham, and Sandy Kilgore. Feeley was unable to make the trip.

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a Sandy Kilgore and Jan Moody take time out to rest in Jackson Square while on a tour of the French Quarter.
b The 1974 favorites silhouetted against the Mississippi River.
c Eager to see the sights for which New Orleans is famous, the group begins their tour of the French Quarter.
d Ricky and Randy Burge pose in front of a historic New Orleans landmark.
e Sophomore favorite Dennis O'Rear clowns for a picture with one of the cannons in Jackson Square.

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Harriel, Smith Named Mr. and Miss PRC

Byrl Harriel and Monica Smith were chosen Mr. and Miss Pearl River Junior College in December elections on campus along with twelve other class favorites.

Majoring in industrial technology and education, Byrle serves as vice-president of the Student Council and is a member of the band, chorus, drama club, and Baptist Student Union.

Monica, majoring in music education, is a member of the band, chorus, Baptist Student Union, and the girls basketball team.

Sophomore Favorite
Millicent Graham

Sophomore Favorite
Mark Fite

Sophomore Favorites

Dennis O'Rear

Sandy Kilgore

Sophomore Favorites

Jan Moody
Jim Feeley

Freshman Favorites

Pam Lumpkin
Randy Burge

Freshman Favorite

Allison Wise

Freshman Favorite

Gary Arnold

Freshman Favorites

Cathy Starita

Ricky Burge

Thirty-one Sophomores Named to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges

Thirty-one sophomores at Pearl River were named to WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES, a national organization to recognize outstanding students.

Second year college students with a total of twenty-eight semester hours are eligible for nomination. Selections made by departments of the college and sponsors of extra curricular activities are submitted to the Dean of Student Affairs. The students are evaluated on academic standing, service to the community, leadership in extra curricular activities, and future potential.

CHARLOTTE LYNN McRANEY
President's List
Phi Theta Kappa Reporter
Elementary Education Major

TOMMY LEE TOWNSEND
Data Processing Major
Dean's List

MARK FITE
Sophomore Class Representative
Deaf Education Major
Dean's List
Chorus, Drama Club

ARTHUR WILSON DEAVER
Music Ed Major
Dean's List
Drum Major
Phi Theta Kappa
Jr. College All-State Band

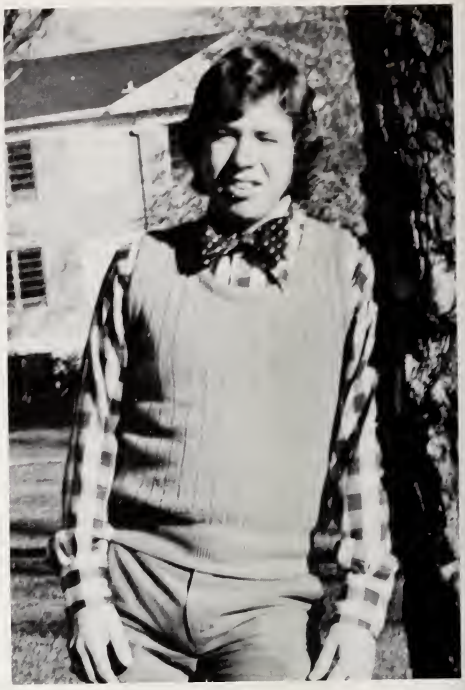
JUDITH DAHN
English Major
President's and Dean's List
Phi Theta Kappa
Yearbook and Paper Staff
French Club Vice-President
Two years

MARILYN DIANNE NOBLES
President's and Dean's List
Phi Theta Kappa Secretary

DANNIE GAY BLACKWELL
Dean's List
MASN
Nursing Major

MICHAEL E.
WILLIAMSON
Agriculture Education Major
President's List

GARY YARBOROUGH
Accounting Major
French Club
Phi Theta Kappa
Dean's List



JAMES PEARSON
McVAUGH
Phi Theta Kappa
President's and Dean's
List
Pre-Dental Major

GLORIA PITTMAN
Nursing Major
MASN Vice-President
Phi Theta Kappa
President's List

JULIE JEROME
Newman Club
PE Major
Girl's Basketball
Dean's List
French Club

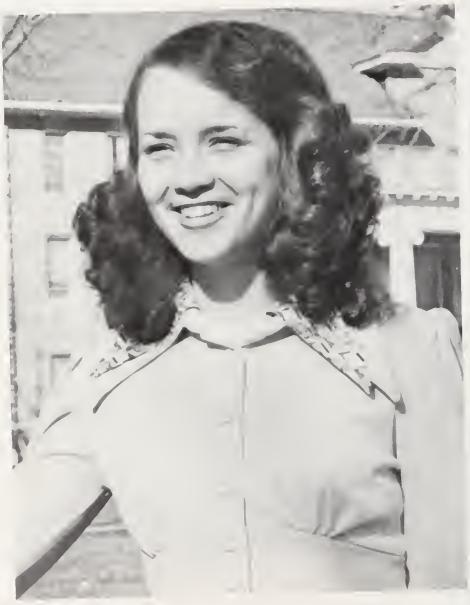
JANET GAIL MOODY
Pre-Vet Major
Dean's List
Cheerleader
Sophomore and Freshman Maid
Sophomore and Freshman Student Council Representative

STEPHEN BURCH

MONICA SMITH
Band, Chorus, Basketball
President's and Dean's List
Sophomore Maid
Miss PRC
Phi Theta Kappa
Student Council Secretary-Treasurer

DAVID NIEMEYER
Secondary Education Major
Dean's List
Phi Theta Kappa
Junior College All-State Band

WILLIAM STEVEN KELLY
PE Major
Outstanding Athletes of America



MILLICENT GRAHAM
Secretarial Science Major
Freshman and Sophomore Favorite
Homecoming Maid
Cheerleader
Girls' Basketball

GORDON ALFORD
Church Music Major
Dean's List
PRC Quartet
Band, Choir

CHERYL ROBINSON
Music Education Major
Dean's List
Band

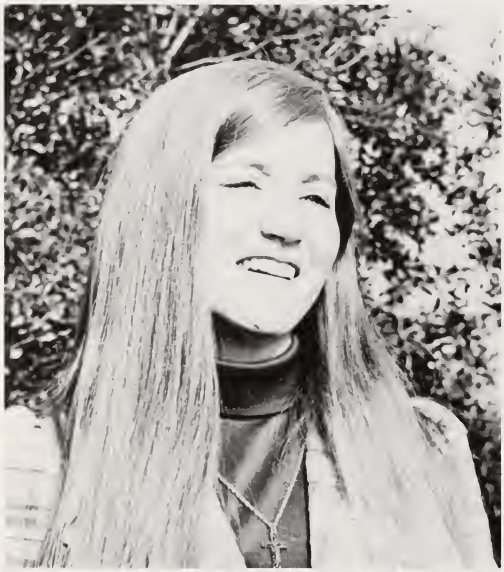
RAYMOND L. RICHARDSON
PE Major
Dean's List
SMEA President

OHNNY RIPPY
Electronic Technology Major
Freshman Class President
Student Body President
President's and Dean's List

SANDY KILGORE
Business Education Major
Homecoming Queen
Sophomore Favorite
Phi Theta Kappa
Head Cheerleader
President's and Dean's List

FREDRICK ENSLIN
Drafting and Design
Technology Major
Wildcat Band

McKINLEY W. DEAVER
Phi Theta Kappa
Dixie Drawl
Communications Major
President's List



PAULETTE HOLLIDAY
Nursing Major
MASN

ROSEMARY BILBO
Freshman and Sophomore
Maid
Sophomore Class Secretary
Dixie Drawl, String of
Pearls
Dean's List
Business Education Major

JOHN WILLIAM McKIE, JR.
Pre-Law Major
Band
Phi Theta Kappa
President's and Dean's List
Delta Psi Omega
Debate Team
Wildcat Staff
Dixie Drawl

LESLIE BRYANT
Major — Rehabilitation and Social Service
President's List
Student
Phi Theta Kappa
Treasurer

CEROY JEFFERSON
PE Major
Sophomore Class Vice-President
Basketball

CORNELL A. LADNER
Chemistry Major
Phi Theta Kappa
President
PTK State Historian
Dean's List

Seated — Johnny Rippy, President; Monica Smith, Secretary; Byrle Harriel, Vice-President.
Standing — Doug Lumpkin, Jan Moody, Ceroy Jefferson, Hazel Alfred, Janice Dickerson.

Student Council

The Student Council is an elected body composed of the President (elected from the sophomore class), Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, President of Sophomore Class, President of Freshman Class, two representatives from the Freshman Class, and two representatives from the Sophomore Class.

Believing that democracy and citizenship can best be learned by active participation in solving the problems that continually arise, the administration and faculty give wholehearted support to the Student Council. This does not mean that the policy making function is delegated to students, but it does mean that the administration, faculty, and student body work cooperatively to solve their common problems.

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

President — Tommy Edwards
Vice-Pres. — Cercy Jefferson
Sec. — Rosemary Bilbo
Treas. — Gordon Alford
Representatives — Jan Moody
Mark Fite

FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS

Pres. — Doug Lumpkin
Vice-Pres. —
Kathleen Feigel
Secretary —
Diane Barnes
Treasurer —
Becky Travis
Representatives —
Hazel Alfred
Janice Dickerson

ROTC Color Guard

Left to right — Robert Gray, Alton Christopher, Shelton Buckley, Ronnie Peterson, James Nicholson.

PRC Cheerleaders Chosen to Represent South All-Stars

Throughout the year, the eight member cheerleading squad strived to induce spirit among the student body at Pearl River. Whether shivering on a football field in rainy, 20 degree weather, or cheering within the confines of a hot, muggy gym, they never failed to show the enthusiasm deserving of a winning athletic program.

Chosen to represent the South as the All-Star Cheerleaders were sophomores Sandy Kilgor, Jan Moody, Bernell Martensen, Ellie Anderson, and Millicent Graham, and freshmen Annie Sherrie Hinton, Allison Wise, and Cheryl McCulloch.

Riding several thousands of miles, eating hamburgers and drinking cokes, forgetting tights, and spending sleepless nights singing along with Marvin Gaye and Charlie Rich — all are the sights and sounds of cheerleaders 1973-74.

WILDCAT CHEERLEADERS: Allison Wise, Annie Sherrie Hinton, Jan Moody, Bernell Martensen, Sandy Kilgore, Millicent Graham, Ellie Anderson, and Cheryl McCulloch.

a The driving beat of the Wildcat Band was ever-present at all the pre-game rallies of the '73 season.
b Arthur Deaver's performances as leader of the Wildcat marchers were widely acclaimed during the near-championship season.
c Plagued by rain at Holmes and Southwest, the River band stayed on while the home team bands fled before the inclement weather.
d The Wildcat band kneels on the sidelines before its final performance of the year.
e Practice makes perfect was the key to the Pearl's superb halftime performance.

Wildcat Band and Pearls Entertain at Games, Parades

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The 1974 edition of the Wildcat marching band continued the proud tradition of its predecessors. Directed by Ray Patten, the forty-eight musicians performed at pep rallies, football games, and area parades.

The String of Pearls, a fifteen member precision drill team choreographed by Miss Pam Buckley, entertained with the band at football games and parades. The year saw changes in the format of halftime shows, new drum equipment, and new maroon and gold costumes for the Pearls. Evidence of these students' dedication came at the Holmes and Southwest games, when these two groups stayed on in the rain while the home bands fled before the weather. At East Central the referees had to restrain the band from playing because the players couldn't hear the signals. Mr. Patten noted that the spirit had been good all year, and the band and Pearls had enjoyed playing at the football games and entertaining the people.

String of Pearls

Front — Nancy Smith, Rosemary Bilbo, Donna Thornhill, Lucy Rawls.
Back — Suzanne Smith, Pam Lumpkin, Babs Bond, Melanie Thomas, Kim Mitchell, Pinkie Guess, Toppy Stieffel, Renee Slade, Jan Baker, Robin Fowler, Dianne Dearman.

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a The trumpet section of the Wildcat band was featured at several halftime shows during the season.
b The trademark of the String of Pearls.

DIRECTOR: Pam Buckley

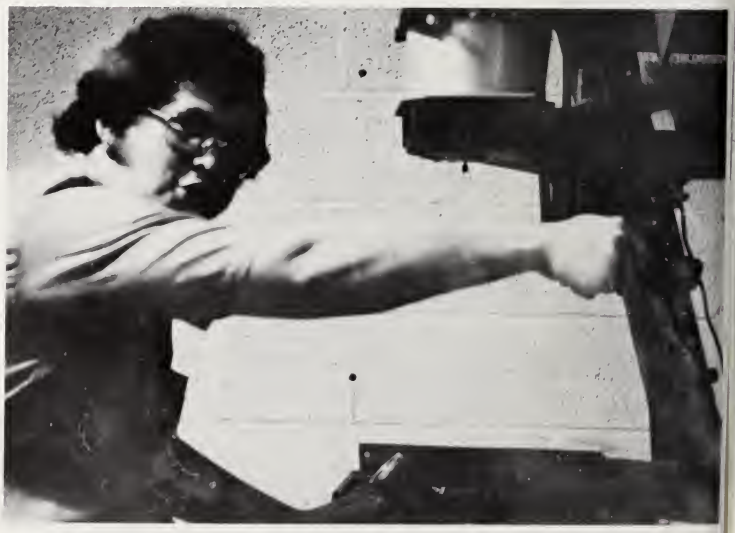
BAND MEMBERS: Gordon Alford, Virginia Cagle, Mark Craig, Lisa Curran, John Curran, Arthur Deaver, Janice Faye Dickerson, Greg Dossett, Damon Michael Dozier, Freddie Enslin, Stephen Foxworth, Byrle Harriel, Farrell Hartfield, Ellen Sue Heldt, Debbie Hendricks, Dan Howard, Nancy Jones, Roderick Lee, Steve Lee, Tommy Lee, Marilyn Little, Cedric Lumpkin, Harold Roy Knight, Sharon McClendon, Ken McKelvain, Bill McKie, Ernie Mitchell, Jimmy Mobley, Richard Necaise, David Niemeyer, Kerry Penton, Charles Penton, Howard Pierce, Diane Pigott, Angelia Pulley, Melanie Polk, John Ramsey, Janice Rawls Tyner, Ken Rayborn, Cheryl Robinson, Sharla Seal, Argile Smith, Jr., Keith Smith, Kenny Smith, Monica Smith, Cathy Starita, Pamela Jane Swales, Joy Thorman, Becky Travis, Sandra Tyler, Willie Warren, and Anthony Wilson.

Staff Tours Dallas Plant

An increase in size and a more modern overall design were just two of the changes witnessed by the 1974 Wildcat. Differing from previous years, the annual attempted to record and reflect more of campus life and activities through candid shots and mini-essays.

A relatively large group dwindled down to a dedicated few as the year progressed and deadlines neared. The staff's hard work was rewarded by a three day trip to Dallas, Texas for a tour of the publishing plant. Design of end sheets and cover was done by yearbook co-editor Carolynn Laakso.

First row — Advisor Larry Stanford, Judy DAhn, Mitch Deaver
Second row — Bill McKie, Editors Carolynn and Kathleen Laakso.



EDITORS: Mitch Deaver
Frances Pigott
Bill McKie

Front — Mac Deaver, Asst. Sports Editor, Bill McKie, News Editor, Mitch Deaver, Sports Editor, Frances Pigott, Design Editor, Tim McRee, Advertising Manager.
Back row — Dora Murphy, Butch Gialiano, Libby Fornea, Suzanne Vogel, Jim Lafferty, Kathleen Laakso, Gina Piazza, Judy Dahn, Rosemary Bilbo, Carolynn Laakso, Ronnie Wheat, Glynn Porter, Randy Rester, and Jim Mobley.

Drawl Takes Another Step Toward Professionalism

The Dixie Drawl underwent numerous changes in its role as a student publication in 1973-74.

From promoting blood drives in October and February, to breaking the monotony of campus life with the highly successful Dixie Drawl Week in early December, the staff and advisor strived to make 1973-74 the best year ever for the Drawl.

An increase to full size became a reality with the year's fourth issue. Different from the traditional standard of tabloid, the change made the bi-monthly publication more professional looking and allowed innovations in layout, design, and photogrpahy. Pearl River is now the only junior college in Mississippi to publish a full sized paper.

Long hours were spent in an effort to perfect the Dixie Drawl. Of course this was never accomplished, but in the opinion of most, it was a very good year.

Mitch Deaver and Advisor Larry Stanford were faced with the grim task of calling in the score of the Pearl River-Delta Championship game.

Row one — Mamie Rials, Ellie Anderson, Margaret LaFon, Sharla Seal, Gloria Pittman.
Row two — Pat Rushing, Beverly Peterson, Judy Thompson, Dot Watson, Pam Johnson, Pat Alexander.
Row three — Mary Ann Henley, Gary Lott, Karen Bullock.

Poplarville Sophomore Nurses

Front row — Dannie Blackwell, Pat Hemphill, Nancy Herrington.
Back row — Jeanne Forrest, Carol Sumrall, Steve Reeves, Anna Sumrall.

Poplarville Freshman Nurses

First row — Jan Smith, Ka Ferrell, Beverly Martin.
Second row — Leja Rutherford, Joan Holliday, Ginny Cagle.
Third row — Dick Davenport, Elizabeth Duck, Ann Howe, Mary Beth Thompson.
Fourth row — Beverly Buchanan, Brenda Wood, Kim Fink.

Front row — Beverly Jackson, Carolyn Thurmon, Kathy Wesselman, Patricia Barber, Sandra Galiano, Laurie Aultman, Kathy Knight.
Second row — Jeanie Baggett, Noel Mullet, Connie Tullos, June St. Armand, Debi Geiger, Terri Mullins.
Third row — Laura Elliott, Pam Parker, Martha Patron, Lynn Powell, Jaunna Thomas, Darcy Schilling.
Fourth row — Susan Barnett, Jo Beth Spiers, Suzanne Hosey, Kim Anderson, Barbara Bounds.
Fifth row — Vicki Taylor, Liz Duck, Jerri Saucier, Mildred Mapp, Diane Craft.

MASN Officers

Row one — Gloria Pittman, Sharla Seal, Gloria Anderson, sponsor.
Row two — Pat Rushing, Beverly Peterson, Pat Alexander.
Row three — Pam Parker, Lynn Powell, Gary Lott.

Methodist Hospital Nurses

Hylma Anderson, Barbara Blackledge, Frances Blankenship, Brenda Bryant, Kathleen Carter, Sharon Caughron, Lillie Chapman, Alice Farris, Marsha Hall, Katherine Hill, Mary Hinton, Lillie Jones, Shirley Keith, Marcia Lowery, Keannetta McNeil, Marilyn Perry, Virginia Rankin, James Westbrook.

Hattiesburg Nurses

Barbara Bolin
Carla Evans
Brenda Graham
Marsha Harris
Sandra Harris
Donna Hatton
Becky Hethcox
Thelma Jackson
Mavis Martin
Betty Odom
Debra Simmons
Sandra Sivils
Mary Swafford

Hancock County Nurses

Seated — Liz Heaton, Anne Duett, Rose Coe, Myra Stewart, Mary Jackson.
Standing — Ernestine Smith, Willena West, Sylvia Largay, Alice Dees, Belinda Alderman, Thelma Rawson, June Wamsley, Alice Williamson, Doris Allen, Instructor.

Phi Theta Kappa

First row — Sponsor Elizabeth Alsworth, Charlotte McRaney, Marilyn Nobles, Leslie Bryant, Sponsor Norma Jean Hammill, Arthur Deaver.
Second row — Rusty Chapman, Bill McKie, Judy Dahn, Monica Smith, Kathy Knight, Sandy Kilgore, Linda Holmes.

This organization is a national scholastic fraternity for junior college students. Only students in the upper ten per cent of their class are eligible to belong. Invitations are extended to outstanding academic leaders each semester provided they also display traits of citizenship, leadership, and integrity.

PTK Sponsors
"Toys for Tots" Campaign

First row — Tony Smith, Julie Jerome, Ray Richardson.
Second row — Kathleen Laakso, Jan Rutherford, President Squeaky Wiggins, Kathy Cline, Rusty Chapman, Secretary-Treasurer Carolynn Laakso.
Standing — Sponsor Betty Martin, Mike Leggett, Tom Royals.
Not pictured — Vice President Evelyn Murtagh.

Newman Club

The Newman Club is an organization of Catholic culture and Catholic fellowship that fosters the spiritual, intellectual, and social interests of the Catholic students at Pearl River Junior College. Membership in the Newman Club is open to all Catholic students, men and women, of Pearl River Junior College.

Left to right — Syd Holston, Mark Craig, Freddie Enslin, Reverend Wilton Holston, Mike Leggett, John Curran.

Wesley Foundation

The Wesley Foundation is a Christian organization for Methodist students and others who desire this affiliation. It, in cooperation with local churches, provides experience of worship and Christian fellowship. It strives to develop intelligent Christian citizens and churchmen and offers opportunities of religious growth and development. Wesley Foundation has proven to be an excellent recruitment center for Christian vocations.

Baptist Student Union

irst row — Argile Smith, Rex Lucas, Monica Smith, Gordon Alford, Anway Jones, Sharla Seal, Jo Ann Holston.
econd row — Byrle Harriel, Sun Davisworth, Brenda Lewis, Mike Leggett, Mark Craig, Mike Montgomery, Sponsor A. M. McBride.
hird row — Hazel Alfred, Janice Dickerson, Barbara Russell, Cheryl Robinson, Bryant Barnes, Jane Byers, Dale Smith.
ourth row — Larry Martin, Pam Swales, Leslie Bryant, Marilyn Nobles, Vicki Holston, Mike Williamson.
ifth row — Charlotte McRaney, Patti Whitfield, Diane Wilks, Kathy Grimsley, Janice Davis, Marilyn Little, Tommy Lee.

The Baptist Student Union is a church centered movement which seeks to link campus life with the life of the church for the purpose of training of Baptist young people for Christian leadership in the church and in society. A student automatically becomes a member of the B.S.U. when he joins a Baptist church in the college area or one or more of the unit organizations of that church, such as Sunday School, Training Union, Y.W.A., Brotherhood, and Prayer Meeting.

Pearl River Singers

First row — Jane Byers, Debra Baughman, Nancy Smith, Elaine Stringer, Vicki Holston, Nancy Wise.
Second row — Marilyn Little, Cheryl Robinson, Lorraine Jackson, Cathy Grimsley, Monica Smith, Rita Hyatt, Kay Bradforf.
Third row — Tommy Lee, Danny Wade, David Cunningham, Mike Montgomery, Mike Dozier.
Fourth row — Gordon Alford, John Hart, Rex Lucas, Monte Smith.
Fifth row — Arthur Deaver, Anway Jones, Ken Rayborn, Milton Polk.

Membership in the Pearl River Singers is open to all students. It includes training in sight reading, operatic work, sacred and secular choruses, and music appreciation. Some of the activities in which the Singers participate are concerts and special programs given on the campus and in communities of the school district. The Singers usually participate in the State Choral Festival.

Phi Rho Pi

Phi Rho Pi is an organization of students interested in intercollegiate forensics. The club presents demonstration debates to school assemblies and civic organizations and participates in competitive intercollegiate debates both on the dual-meet and tournament levels. The club encourages the development of platform speaking and the use of the democratic process by annually participating in the Mississippi Youth Congress.

harlotte McRaney, Eugene Boyanton, John Ishee, Anway Jones, Diane Wilkes, Bill McKie, Tom Royals, Stewart Gebert, Debra owen, Advisor Michael Knippers.

Left to right — Marilyn Little, Anway Jones, Cheryl McCulloch, Terry Tate, Martha Graham, Byrle Harriel, Mashelle Gore, Tom Royals, Susan Parsons, and Mrs. Constance Holmes.

Delta Psi Omega

Delta Psi Omega is an organization for the development of school and civic interests in speech and dramatics as a means of education and entertainment and offers an opportunity for self-expression to those who participate. Membership is open to all students who are interested in training and practice in these activities.

Entre Nous

'tanding — Mary Brewer, Judy Dahn, Robert Riley, Mrs. Dorothy Carter, sponsor, Margo Deal, Julie Jerome and Louise Smith.
'itting — Eugene Boyankin, Robin Fowler, Babs Bond, Jim Lee, Deborah Bowen, and Steve Smith.

Entre Nous is a club designed especially for students who wish to develop both oral and aural French skills. At the weekly meetings, much use of language laboratory equipment is made. All interested students are invited to join the French Club.

Les Causeries

The French club, Les Causeries, for second year French students, is designed to develop a better cultural understanding of France and French literature, art, and music.

Left to right — Bryant Barnes, Mrs. Dorothy Carter, sponsor, Judy Dahn and Mary Brewer.

Phi Beta Lambda

Phi Beta Lambda is a national organization for students who are preparing for careers in business, industry, or in business education. One of its chief objectives is to develop strong leadership so that these future business men and women and business educators may participate more effectively in the business and community life of which they will be a part.

Left to right — Mrs. Ann Morris, Janice Dickerson, Brenda King, Dana McKenzie, Sherry McCain, Edith Turner, Gwen Holmes, Barbara Russell, Debbie Adams, Cindy Rogers, Debbie Dye, Jerry Wiggins, and Mr. Samuel Abbott.

Young Women's Association

First row — Janice Dickerson, Dana McKenzie, Barbara Russell.
Second row — Brenda King, Sherry McCain, Debbie Adams, Debbie Dye.

Agriculture Club

The membership in the College Agriculture Club includes all agriculture majors or students with agricultural interests. Membership includes students from both the freshman class and sophomore class.

Left to right — David Watts, Jeff Hinson, Scott Bond, Joey Smith, Tommy Terrell, Ben Napier.

Pearl River Football
A Winning Tradition

A tradition at Pearl River is football — more specifically — winning football. Each school year seems to bring a powerful gridiron team. The 1973 Wildcats enhanced this illustrious record, posting a 9-1-1 worksheet and winning the South Division.

Bottom row, from left — Fred Bilbo, Terry Adkins, David Watts, Doug Lumpkin, Lee Meitzler, Ricky Burge, Alvin La Fontaine, Harold Strahan, Randy Burge, Corey Bielstein, Steve Kelly, L. B. Bullock.
Second row, from left — Dale Smith, Forrest Smith, Gary Campbell, Steve Smith, Terry Entriken, Bobby Bryant, Mike Sorrells, James "Snuffy" Smith, Willie Lofton, Harold Rhodes, Larry Lee, Larry Tyrone, Mike Powers.
Third row, from left — William Parish, Allen Mecomber, Rocky Gaudin, David Richardson, Jerry Evans, Ed "Pee Wee" Davis, Dennis O'Rear, Warren White, Cal Beasley, Bruce Staten, Ronald James, Parry Donaldson, Willie Bullock, Floyd Masoner.
Top row, from left — Louis Jordan, Quinby Breland, Tom Royals, Frank Jenkins, Orlander Newsome, Chuck Speed, Gary Blaize, Ben Ferrell, Tom May, Steve Anderson, Eric Lymuel, J. W. Rawls, Allen Cucullu, Mike Breland.

A Winning Trio

(L-R)) Morris — Russell — Seligman

Pearl River Junior College is extremely proud of its winning coaching staff.

John Russell has compiled a 56-14-1 ledger since taking over as River chief upon the great Dobie Holden's post-season retirement in 1966. Russell was Holden's assistant from 1960-66.

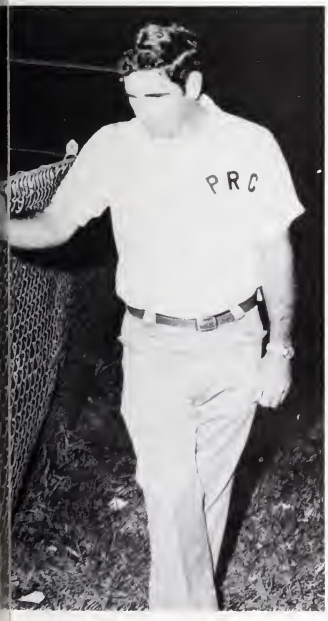
In the past five seasons, Russell has lost only five encounters and has produced two state Championships.

Two PRC alumni in Harvey Seligman and Herbert Morris assist Russell in his coaching endeavors.

Morris has been at Pearl River since 1965 upon his graduation from the University of Southern Mississippi. He played his college ball at the River.

Seligman, who also played at PRC, replaced the vacated position of J. C. Arban in 1973.

Arban, who went to the University of Southern Mississippi as a backfield coach, should consider his vacated position well-filled.



Another Year — Another Powerhouse

It soon appeared that Coach John Russell had fielded another powerhouse outfit. The Wildcats blew past their first six opponents, outscoring them 193 to 22. But in the last four games the level of performance dropped due to numerous crippling injuries, and PRC had to scramble for their life. Although the 'Cats seemed healthy for the state championship contest, Delta came back to win 21-17 and take the crown. It was a bitter end to a fine season and it tended to obscure what an outstanding year it actually was.

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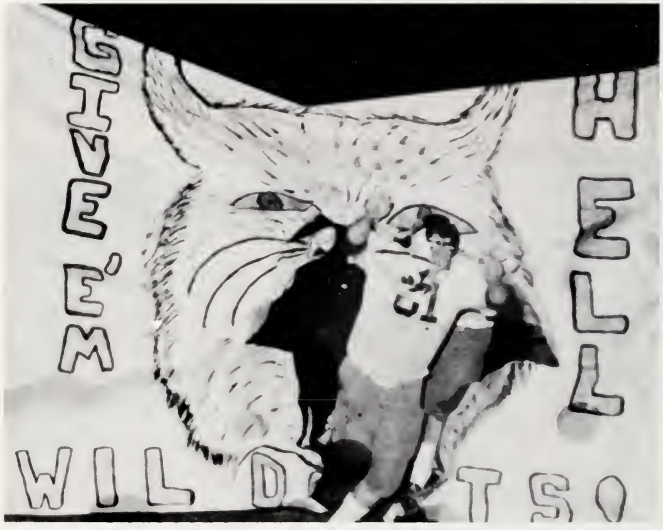

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a J. W. Rawls led Wildcat rushes with 576 yards despite missing several games due to injuries.
b A familiar sight during the season was Gary Campbell leading the 'Cats' onto the field.
c Gary Blaize, who finished 12th in the nation in passing, unloads a deep aerial.
d The nation's second leading kicker was Terry Adkins, shown kicking one of his 12 field goals.
e Consistent performers were members of the offensive line: Rocky Gaudin, Steve Kelly, Quin Breland, Gary Campbell, Jim Feely, Corey Bielstein, and Cal Beasley.

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The offensive line shone throughout the season, providing excellent protection for Gary Blaize and opening holes for runners like J. W. Rawls and Dennis O'Rear. A new offensive weapon was unveiled in Terry Adkins. While the offense was averaging 25 points a game, a stingy defense allowed only 5. The entire defensive unit played well all year, and each game seemed to produce 11 standouts.

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Smith, Bullock, Staten Elected Captains

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a Allen Cucullu (62), Bruce Staten (52), Steve Anderson (74), and other members of the defense swarm around a Co-Lin ball carrier.
b Against East Central, Ricky Burge struggles for more yardage.
c Talking it over with the referee is James "Snuffy" Smith, a defensive standout at linebacker.
d When injuries hit the starting offensive backfield, Mike Powers, shown in the Northwest game, moved in and performed admirably.
e L. B. Bullock was injury laden for much of the season, but he snagged this 83 yard scoring pass against Jones.

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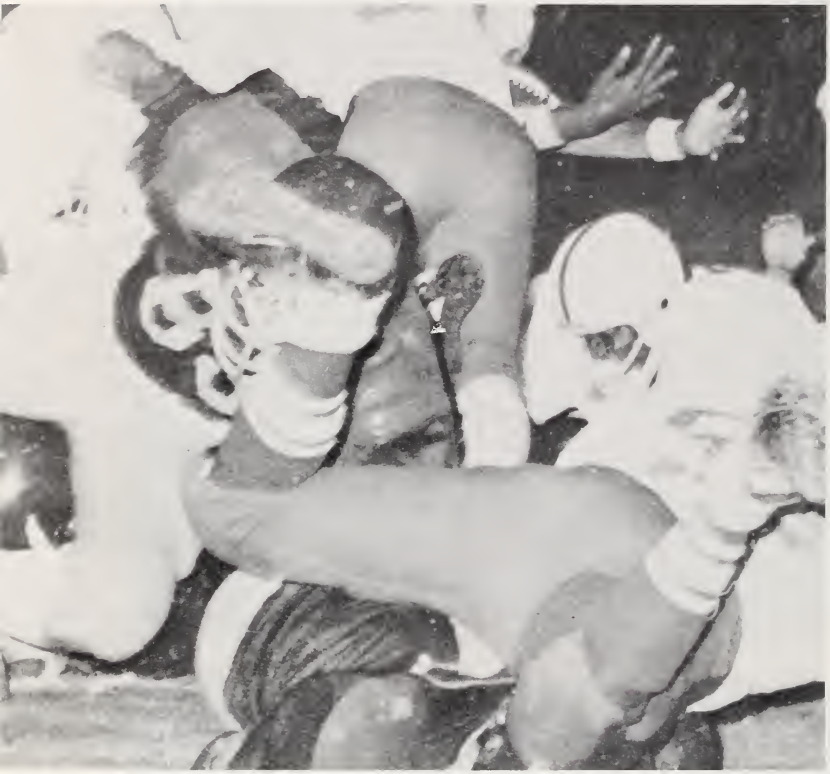
Defense Best in Nation



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a Vicious hitting characterized the campaign.
b Doug Lumpkin leaps for a high pass.
c The morning after each home game found the new locker room in disarray.
d The Wildcat defense was second toughest in the nation to throw against, and Erie Lymuel and Ben Ferrell show why.
e Reserve guard Bobby Bryant fires out during pre-game drills.
f The nation's leading defense takes a break.

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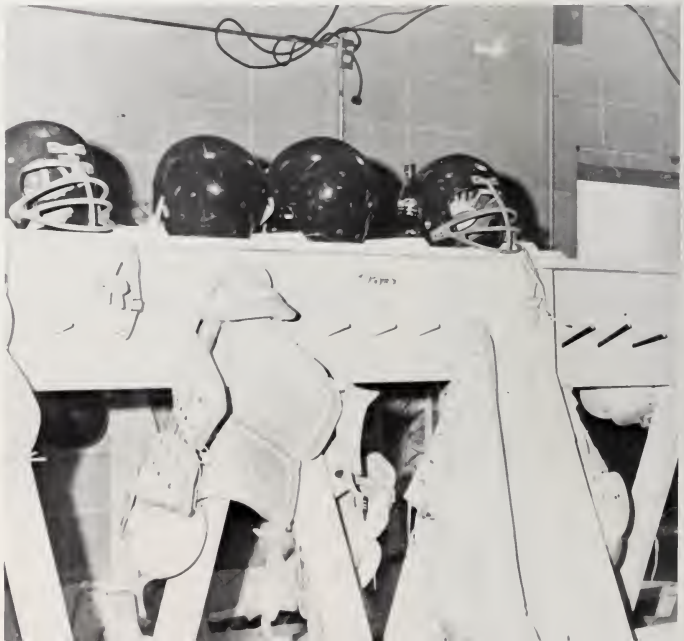

Cats Take Numerous State and National Honors

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Named to the All State team were Terry Adkins, Gary Campbell, Parry Donaldson, J. W. Rawls, James "Snuffy" Smith, and Bruce Staten. Rawls, Smith, Staten, Jim Feeley, and Eric Lymuel performed for the South in the All Star game.

All American selections included Smith and Rawls, while Staten, Campbell, and Adkins received an honorable mention.

Final NJCAA statistics showed that the Wildcat defense was the best in the nation, yielding only 139.8 yards per game. Blaize finished 12th in passing and 17th in total offense. Adkins was 2nd nationally in kick scoring, with 62 points.

The Game:
It Only Hurts When You Think About It

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Championship game

Desperation . . . depression . . . disgust . . . the feeling that it hadn't really happened. Then the stark reality of what could have been and wasn't; what had been so close and what was now another year away.

A 9-0-1 slate had brought the Wildcats into the championship game. The other ten games had been played just so number eleven would include PRC. It was a one game season with the winner taking all. The loser was left with a divisional title and painful memories.

Spirit on the Pearl River campus had not been particularly elating, but with the promise of an extra Thanksgiving holiday if the 'Cats' won, an increasing enthusiasm was displayed. A Wednesday night pep rally in Marion Hall and a following bonfire boosted both team and fans. Uncertainty was banished and faith reigned supreme, that the Wildcats would once again be triumphant.

The 'River' appeared enroute to a 10-0-1 season after an Adkins field goal and an O'Rear plunge made the score 10-0 only moments into the second quarter.

But Delta, the team PRC had beaten 17-14 at homecoming, refused to roll over and die. They seemingly caught fire after a fumble recovery on the 'Cat' 30, and on the next play struck with a halfback pass for a TD over an astonished defense. The half ended with Delta desperately trying to get off a tying field goal attempt.

The third period had barely opened when a 57 yard jaunt put Delta ahead 14-10. The ten point advantage had somehow evaporated and a four point deficit had sprung up in its place. But the Wildcats seemed to have converted back to their winning form as QB Blaize rifled a 25 yard scoring strike to Bullock giving the Wildcats a 17-14 lead.

a With Blaize running the option, the offense moved the ball well in the first half.
b A powerful defense smothered Trojan ballcarriers.
c Rawls, who gained 151 yards that night, sweeps left end.
d As Delta made the final thrust, Wildcat cheerleaders viewed helplessly.

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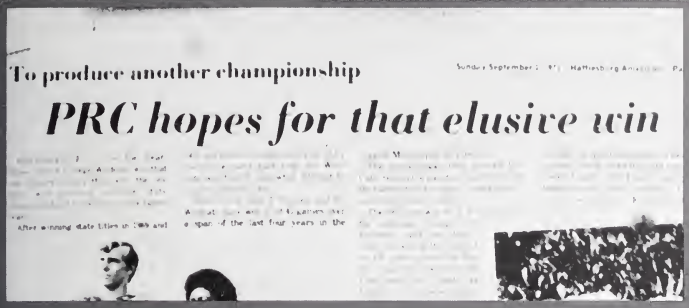
Delta had the ball on their own 17 and a touchdown would give them the needed advantage to repeat as state champs. To the awe of 'River' supporters, and 13 plays later, the Wildcat defense yielded the necessary 7 points. The count stood 21-17, and PRC had 1:26 in which to salvage the contest whose outcome once seemed so certain. An apprehensive crowd stood as the 'Cats' began their march. Hope roared forth from the stands as the season saving score seemed forthcoming.

But with the game at stake, Delta again rose from the grave. Somehow, someway, they produced an interception and only the crying remained. Losing was something that happened to the opposition, not PRC. Feeling of confidence festiveness, and invincibility vanished and grief, frustration, and disbelief appeared. An entire season seemed lost despite high achievement. Some cried, some sat quietly, and some got drunk.

Defeat as a reality came painfully.

Defeat Came Painfully


To produce another championship

PRC hopes for that elusive win

Cagers Tip-Off Season With High Expectations

After the football season ended in tragic disappointment, Wildcat fans looked forward to the opening of basketball season. This was to be the season in which Pearl River left the ranks of the also-rans and moved to the status of a contender. All of the necessary ingredients seemed present — the speed, size, depth, experience, and scoring ability needed to compete with any team in the league.

However, as the high expectations of November faded into the harsh realities of January, a losing season slowly but surely became evident. The regular season finally closed, with the Wildcats showing a 10-13 record.

Reasons for the late season demise of the 'Cats were easy to pinpoint. Cornell Harrison, a six-foot, six inch out of stater, failed to produce as had been expected and didn't return to school after the Christmas break. Myjellous Mingo, a '73 All-State selection, was dropped from the squad in January because of disciplinary problems. These two key departures crippled the inside game which was expected to be one of the most devastating in the division. Kenny Seals, possibly the most accurate shooter on the team, was hampered by a shoulder separation midway through the season and the outside attack also suffered.

Though afflicted by these hardships, the River dribblers refused to deflate the basketballs and disband. Plagued by the lack of a cohesive starting unit, several different line-ups were employed. With the scoring punch of Mingo and Harrison things of the recent past, the 'Cats tried to slow the tempo and control the offenses of the opposition. Many games were close, but nothing seemed to work.

Despite tremendous efforts, the huge gaps in the Wildcats' overall game were not to be filled, and Billy Holmes witnessed the first losing season in his ten years of coaching.

What was billed as "the season that was," wasn't.

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Kneeling— Ceroy Jefferson, Larry Riley, Kenny Seals, Tommy Edwards, and Jim Pride.
Standing Jamie Ladner, Myjellous Mingo, Rand Bounds, Cornell Harrison, Dwight Bond, Johnny Necaise, Stanley Tatum, and Head Coach Billy Holmes.

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a Unenthused crowds were not a factor in the teams' homecourt losses.
b Myjellous Mingo, who played the post position for part of the season, throws in a field goal.
c A look at the scoreboard for the season provided smiles and frowns.
d As the season progressed, freshman Johnny Necaise saw action in many games. The experience should prove valuable next year.
e Sophomore Rand Bounds provided the inside attack a degree of depth in 73-74.

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a A scramble for the ball resulted in a tangle of Wolves and Wildcats — and a foul.

b The failure to make a high percentage of foul shots effected the outcome of several games.

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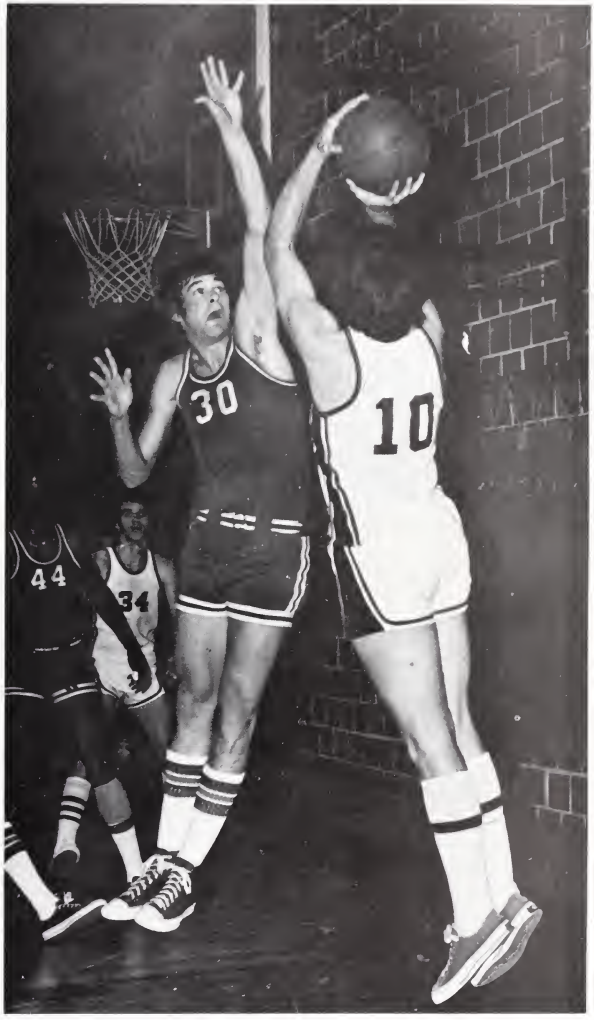

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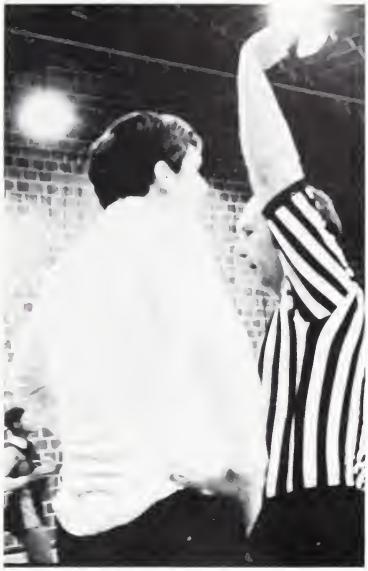
a Jamie Ladner sinks two big ones.
b The teams leading scorer despite injuries, Kenny Seals, guns from outside against Co-Lin.
c Apparently the coach didn't like the way things were going.

Coach Holmes Plays Hard Too . . .



Holmes Experiences First Losing Season

Coach William E. (Billy) Holmes graduated from McComb High School in 1959. He attended Mississippi State his freshman year and then transferred to Southwest Junior College at Summit, Mississippi. In 1964 he graduated from Louisiana College, with a B.S. degree in Physical Education.

Holmes has an outstanding record as an athlete in both high school and college. While at McComb, he lettered three years in basketball, four years in baseball, and four years in tennis. At Mississippi State Holmes won letters on the freshman tennis and basketball teams. He also lettered his sophomore year at Southwest and junior and senior years at Louisiana College in basketball.

Married to the former Linda Gail Welch of McComb, Coach Holmes has three children, Randy, Ronnie, and Robin.

MANAGERS: Joe Wiley and Tony Pete

Regular Season Ended; With Hopes of Tourney Win

EMERGENCY DOOR

Girls Experience Tough Season

In years gone by, the girl's basketball program at Pearl River Junior College has at times suffered disappointing years. However, disappointing doesn't seem to be quite the word to describe the misfortunes of the 1973-74 basketballers.

Because of six returnees, the team was considered capable of bettering last year's mark. The season opened with a loss, and a string of eight more losses followed in painful succession. Many of the defeats came after the She-Cats had led or slightly trailed at the half. The situation was expected to improve, but it seemed like it never would. Coach Betty Martin's players kept searching for that one elusive win, which finally came in the ninth game.

The record for the season was near perfect, but somehow, at 1-10, the figures got reversed.

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GO MIGHTY WILDCATS
Fire
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Martin in Third Year as Cager Coach

Miss Betty Martin serves as the coach for the girls basketball team. After graduating from Glenn Allen High School near Greenville, she received her BS and MS from Delta State College. Miss Martin is an active member of the Hattiesburg Recreational Program, and she has been a member of Pearl River's faculty for three years as a health and physical education instructor.

Kneeling — Brenda Lewis, Julie Jerome, Suzanne Sims, Mary Beth Thompson, Becky Patterson.
Standing — Queen Mixon, Gale English, Monica Smith. Diana Kidd, Jan Rutherford, Hazel Alfred, Mashelle Gore, and Millicent Graham.

MANAGERS: Ellen Heldt, and Betty Stafford

Intramural Action Continued Throughout Year

Among the numerous teams involved in intramural sports, keen rivalries were commonplace.

Flag football got underway soon after school began. Eight male teams competed for the championship, which was finally won by Hammill's Heroes after a complex series of playoffs. The Heroes subsequently lost to the All-Star team. In the female division, the Soul Stirrers claimed the title.

After a stint of volleyball action, male and female basketballers opened play. Even a faculty team entered the competition for the intramural crown.

Spring brought softball action in both male and female division.

White Teams, Black Teams, Mixed Teams, and Even Old Teams Participated

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1973-74 Scoreboard

1973 Football

PRC	Opponents	
33	Holmes	10
48	Jones	2
42	East Central	0
10	Gulf Coast	3
29	Hinds	7
31	Southwest	0
17	Delta	14
7	Co-Lin	7
20	Northeast	3
7	Northwest	6
	State Championship	
17	Delta	21

1973-74
Boy's Basketball

PRC	Opponents	
72	East Central	82
83	Delgado	80
74	Southern	68
89	Jones	90
78	Meridian	74
62	Utica	57
72	Meridian	79
78	Prentiss Inst.	63
87	S. E. Baptist	69
60	Utica	85
71	Southern	76
69	Delgado	53
79	Meridian	71
63	Southwest	68
92	Perkinston	97
53	Hinds	66
58	Jones	51
60	Southwest	68
80	Co-Lin	110
79	East Central	82
67	Jones	82
67	Perk	87
87	Hinds	63
66	Co-Lin	88
	South Division Tournament	
54	Perkinston	70

1973-74
Girl's Basketball

PRC	Opponents	
51	East Central	66
47	Co-Lin	61
52	Southwest	55
48	Perkinston	50
44	Hinds	61
48	Southwest	52
40	East Central	47
40	Co-Lin	58
47	Perkinston	60
56	Meridian	73
66	Hinds	54
30	Co-Lin	63

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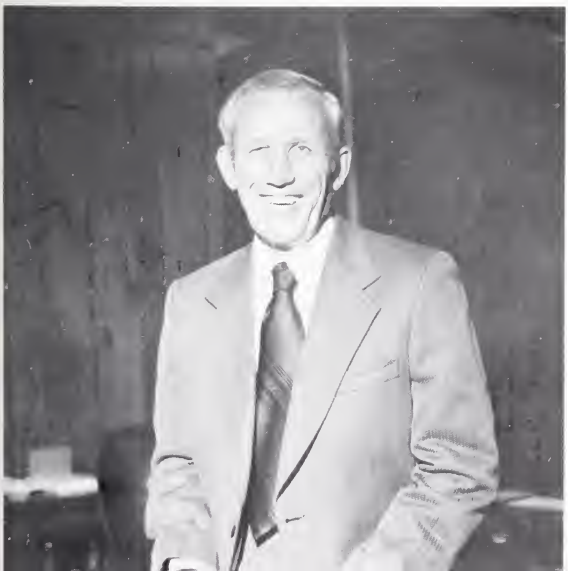
M. R. White has been president of Pearl River Junior College since 1968. During the past six short years, Pearl River has experienced unbelievable growth. The enrollment has more than doubled, two new campuses have been added and the total capital outlay has also doubled. Under Mr. White's direction Pearl River is expected to maintain its position as a leader of Mississippi junior colleges.



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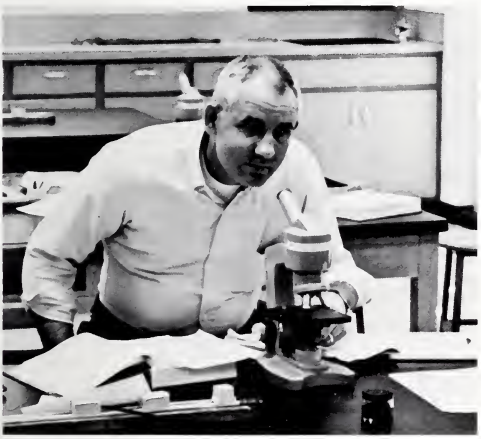

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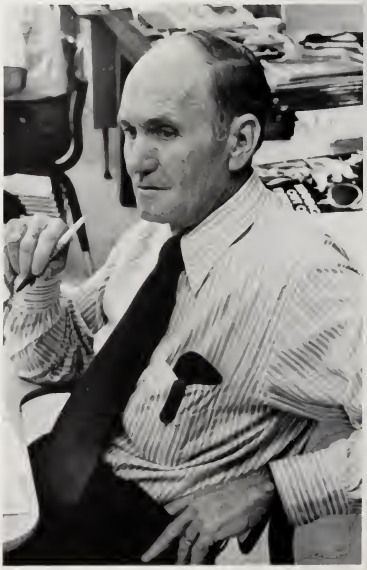

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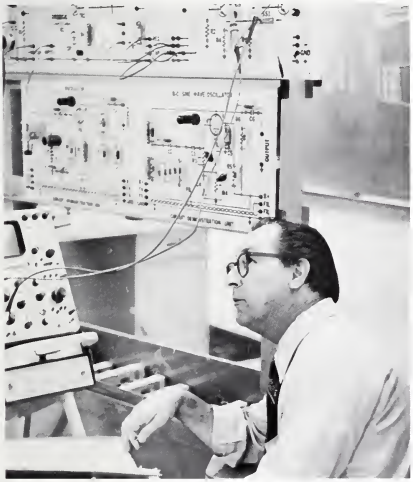

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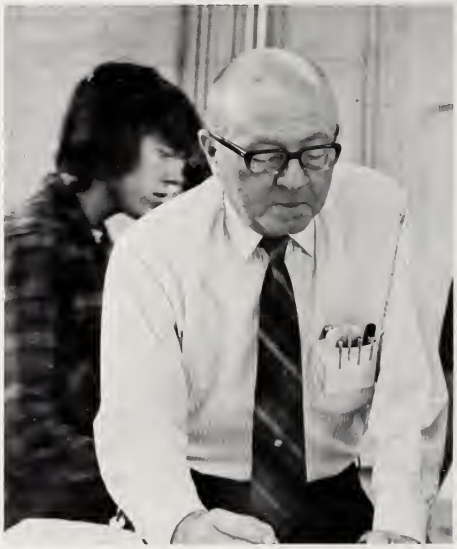

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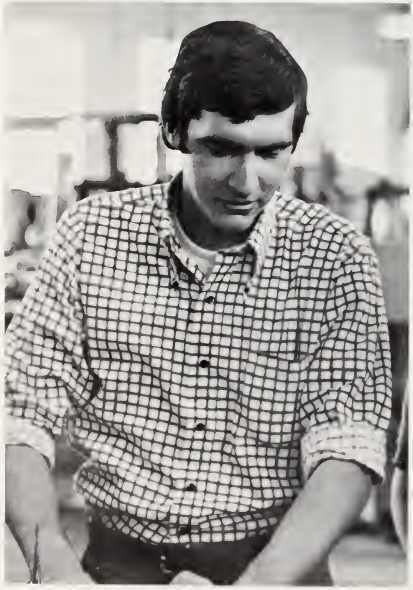

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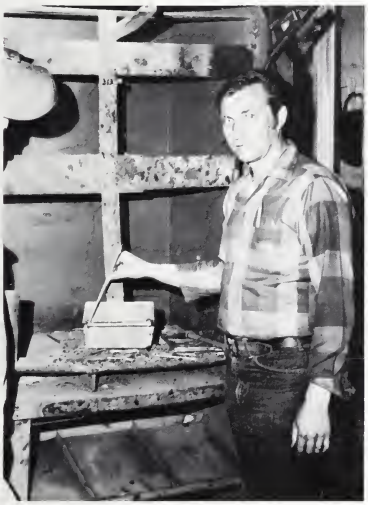

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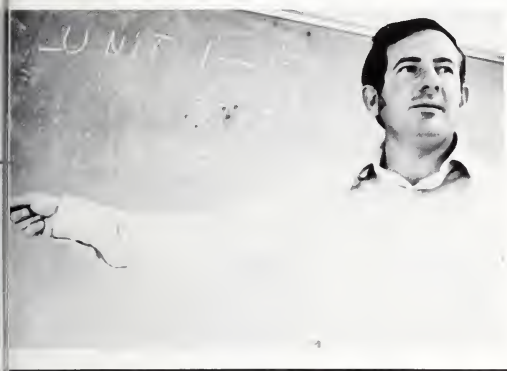

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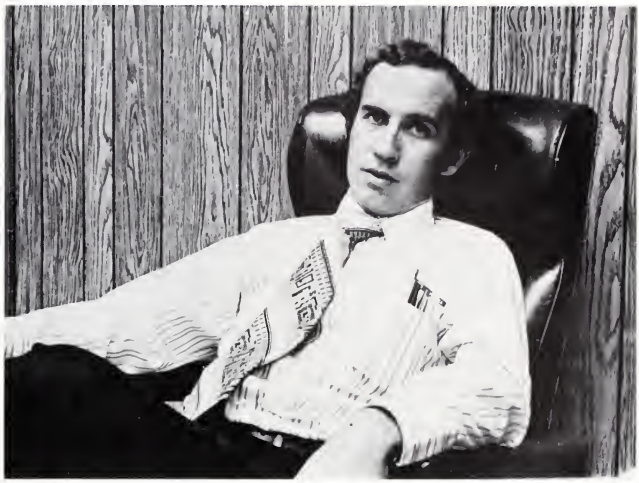

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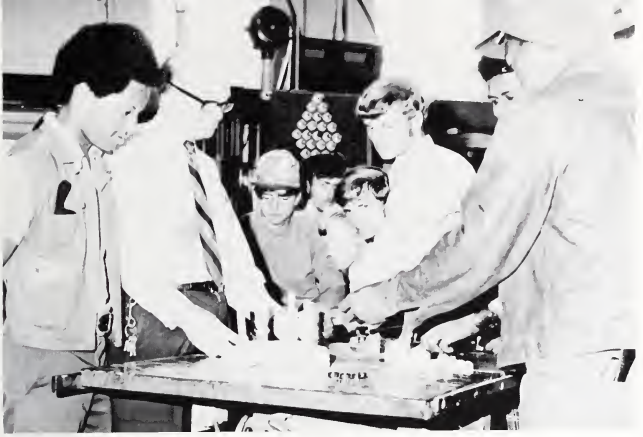
PRC Vo-Tech Continues Growth

The PRC Vocational-Technical Department which now includes centers at Hattiesburg and Bay St. Louis, continued its unprecedented growth in enrollment and facilities during 1973-74. Fourteen one and two-year terminal programs, in addition to numerous adult education classes, are offered at the center in Poplarville. Programs for junior and senior high school students are available for students at the Hattiesburg and Hancock facilities. Adult education classes have also been formed at both centers to better serve the public in their communities.

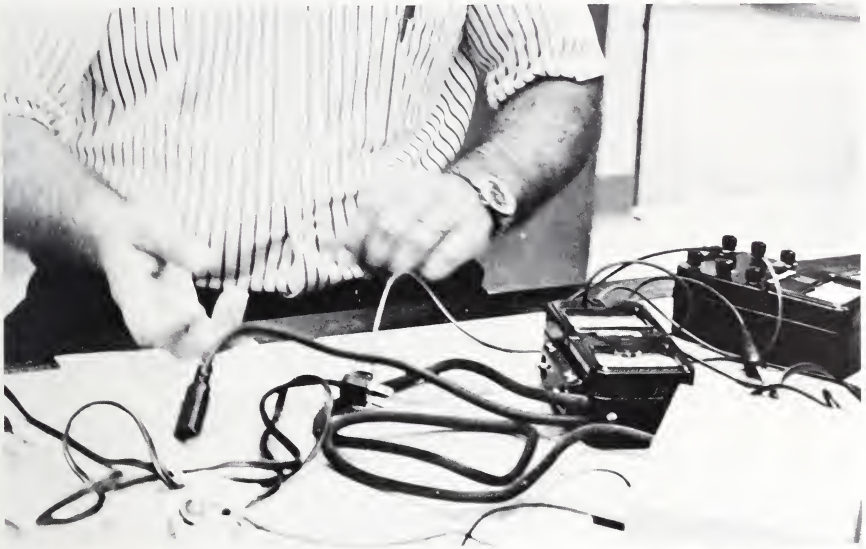


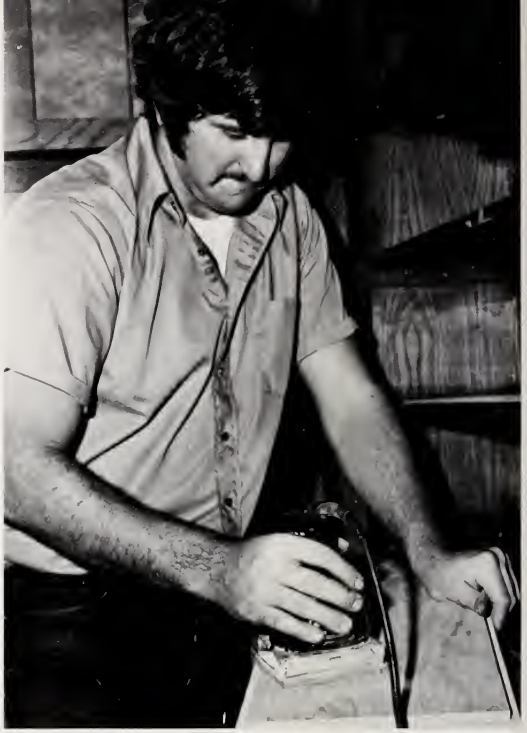
Students Train in Electricity and Air-Conditioning

Cosmetology . . .

The cosmetology program at Pearl River Junior College is designed to train students to be professional cosmetologists; has been approved by the Mississippi State Board of Education — VocationalDivision — and the Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology. The curriculum consists of 1500 clock hours of training over a period of one year.

Hancock County Serving Over 200 Students





Students Get Practical Experience From Real Challenges

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Services

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Student Center Employee

MINNIE LEE JENKINS
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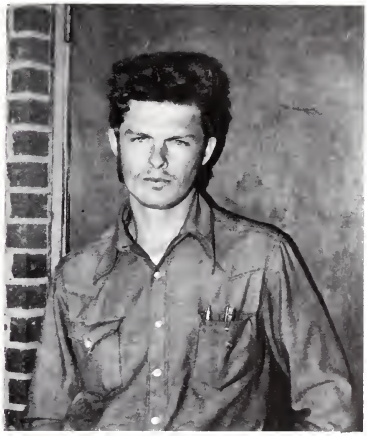

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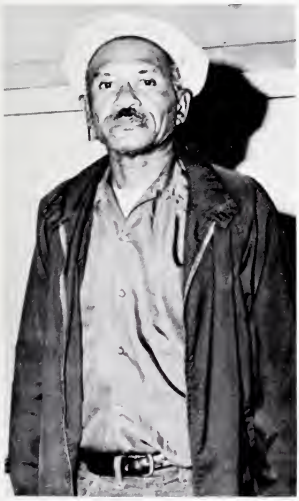

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Janitorial Service

EDDIE RAIN
Janitorial Service

HILTON RAY HEAD
Maintenance

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Varnado, La.

Gordon Alford
Poplarville

Sophomores Strive for Unity

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Pass Christian
Ellie Anderson
Petal
Jim Anderson
Petal
Carol Avery
Bay St. Louis

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Columbia
Rusty Ball
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Debra Baughman
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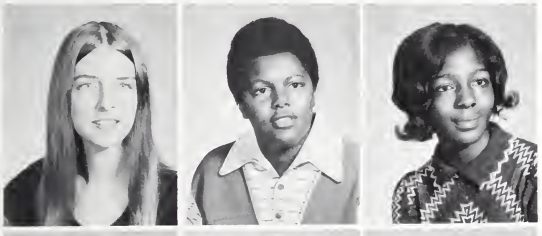
Participation Is the Key



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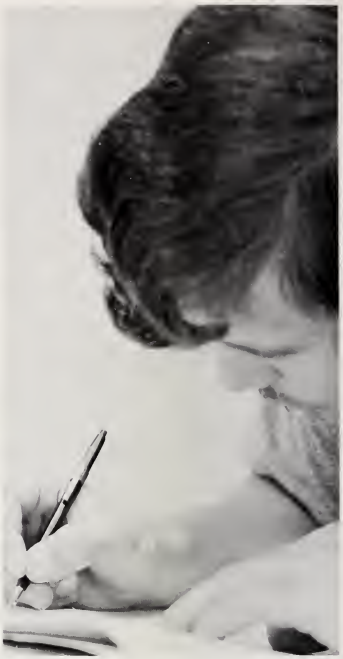

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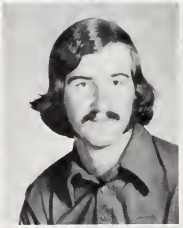

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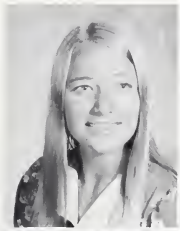

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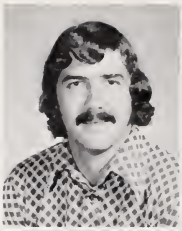

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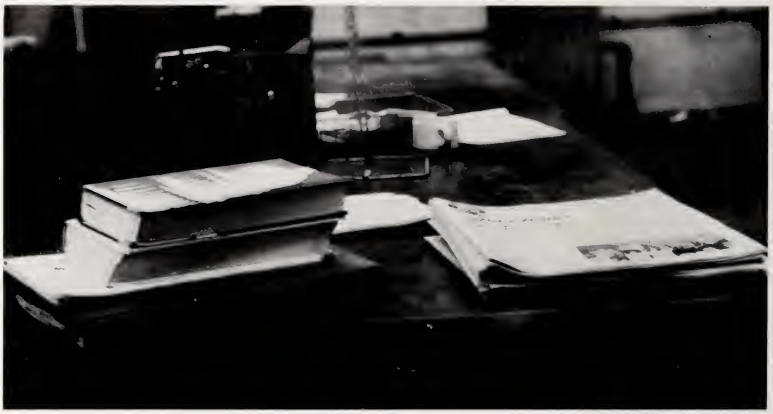

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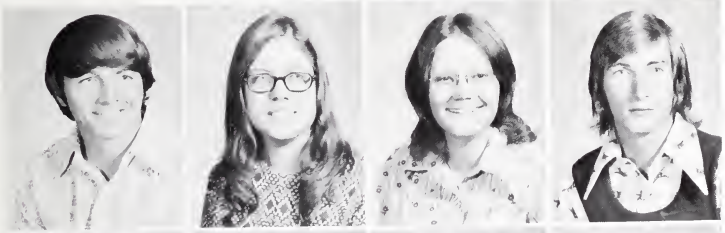

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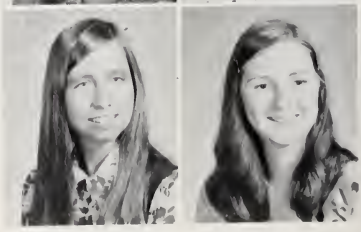

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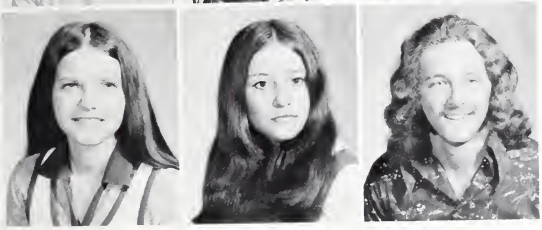

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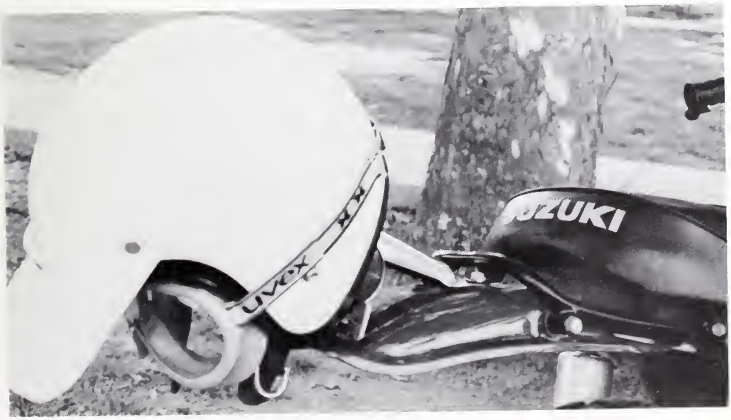

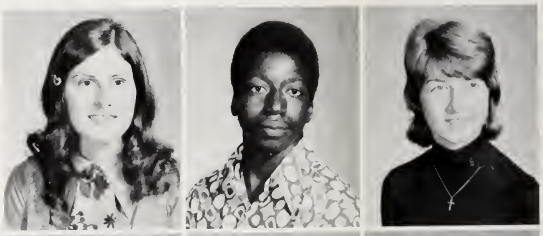

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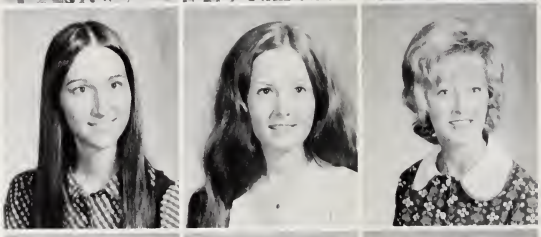

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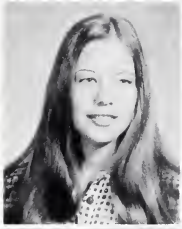

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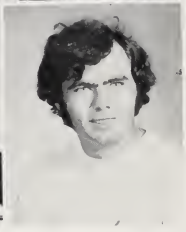

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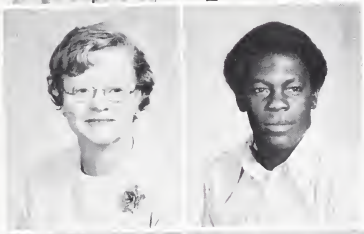

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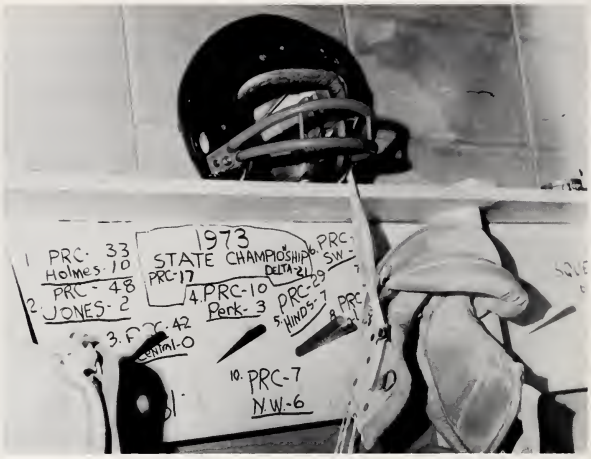

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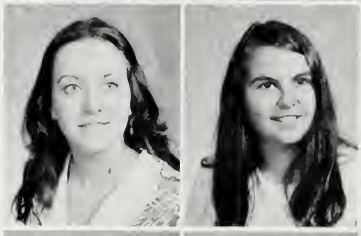

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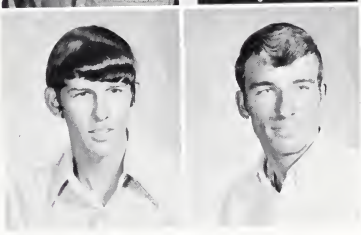

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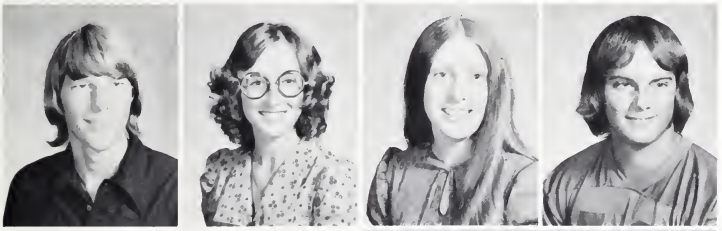
Individual Effort Builds Strong Freshman Class



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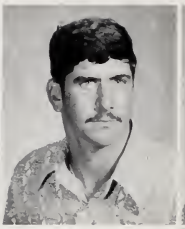

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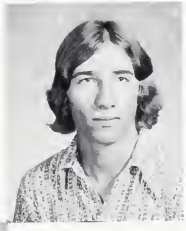

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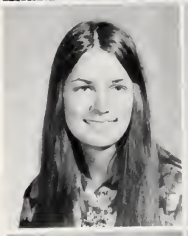

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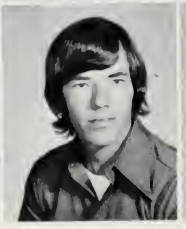

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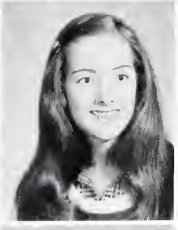

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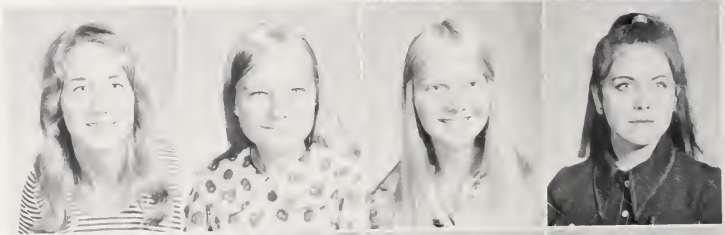

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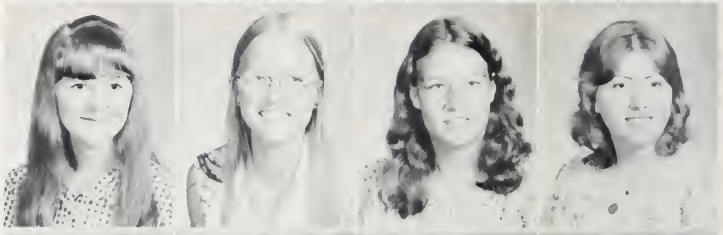

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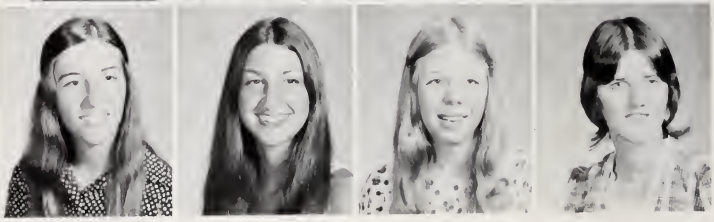

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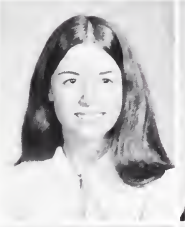
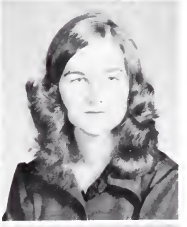

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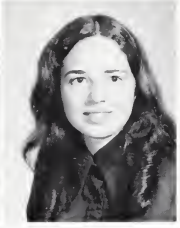

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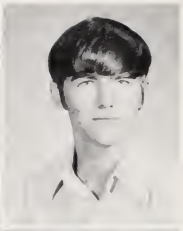

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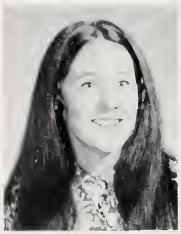

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Looking back now, we realize that certain changes could have been made to improve the book, but lack of time and insight did not permit us to do so.

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